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LAURA AND JOHN ARNOLD ARE BANKROLLING DEMOCRATS

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John and Laura Arnold continue to funnel money to liberal political organizations working to get Democrats elected to take over the House and Senate and to obstruct President Trump's policy agenda. While purporting to be bipartisan philanthropists, the Arnolds are spending tens of millions supporting Democrats and working against Republicans in Congress and the White House.

Our latest research has uncovered major grants given to liberal political organizations in 2025 - when President Trump began his second term. The evidence below clearly demonstrates that John and Laura Arnold are major funders for the Democratic political efforts to beat Republicans, retake Congress, and impeach President Trump.

1. FWD.US

\$400,000 GRANT

FWD.us claims to be a bipartisan organization, but has deep roots with liberal tech CEOs and focuses its advocacy efforts on immigration and criminal justice reform, with a clear liberal bias. And through their financial support of this organization, the Arnolds are platforming Democratic candidates across the country while bankrolling advocacy efforts supporting open borders and illegal immigration. For example, Action Now, Inc., a 501(c)(4) founded by Laura and John Arnold and a part of Arnold Ventures, provided FWD.us with a \$400,000 grant in 2025.

(18) FWD US INC 701 8TH ST NW STE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20001	46-2223015	501(C)(4)	400,000	0		OUTREACH TO SUPPORT GRANTEE'S STRATEGIC ADVOCACY AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND PUBLIC SAFETY.
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(“ACTION NOW, INC.,” PROPUBLICA, ACCESSED 8/11/26)

The organization celebrated the “birthday” of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) with multiple events, all highlighting Democratic officials, including one featuring Democratic Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) where she criticized President Trump in a statement: “The Administration’s ongoing attacks on DACA recipients, including detentions, deportations, and delays in DACA renewals, threaten the stability of Nevada families. That’s why I’ve been fighting against policies that make it harder for DACA recipients and other immigrants to work while their work authorization renewals are pending.”

FWD.us hosted another celebratory anniversary event with Representatives Steven Horsford (D, NV-04) and Dina Titus (D-NV-01), and an additional event with Representative Greg Casar (D, TX-35) for a roundtable supporting DACA.

In the same release, FWD.us also spoke at a press conference hosted by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and House Democratic Leadership, including House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D, NY-08), Democratic Whip Katherine Clark (D, MA-05), Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) Chair Adriano Espaillat (D, NY-13), and CHC Whip Sylvia Garcia (D, NY-29).

FWD.us hosted a roundtable with Representative Veronica Escobar (D, TX-16), which focused on “preserving” DACA and combatting the Trump administration’s immigration policies.

Representatives Joaquin Castro (D, TX-20) and Greg Casar joined FWD.us in hosting a press conference opposing the administration’s immigration policies and calling for the release of illegal immigrants from the Dilley Immigration Processing Center.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) and Representative Vicente Gonzalez (D, TX-34) both criticized the Trump administration on a press call with FWD.us and advocated for DACA.

2. PROGRESSIVE STATE LEADERS COMMITTEE

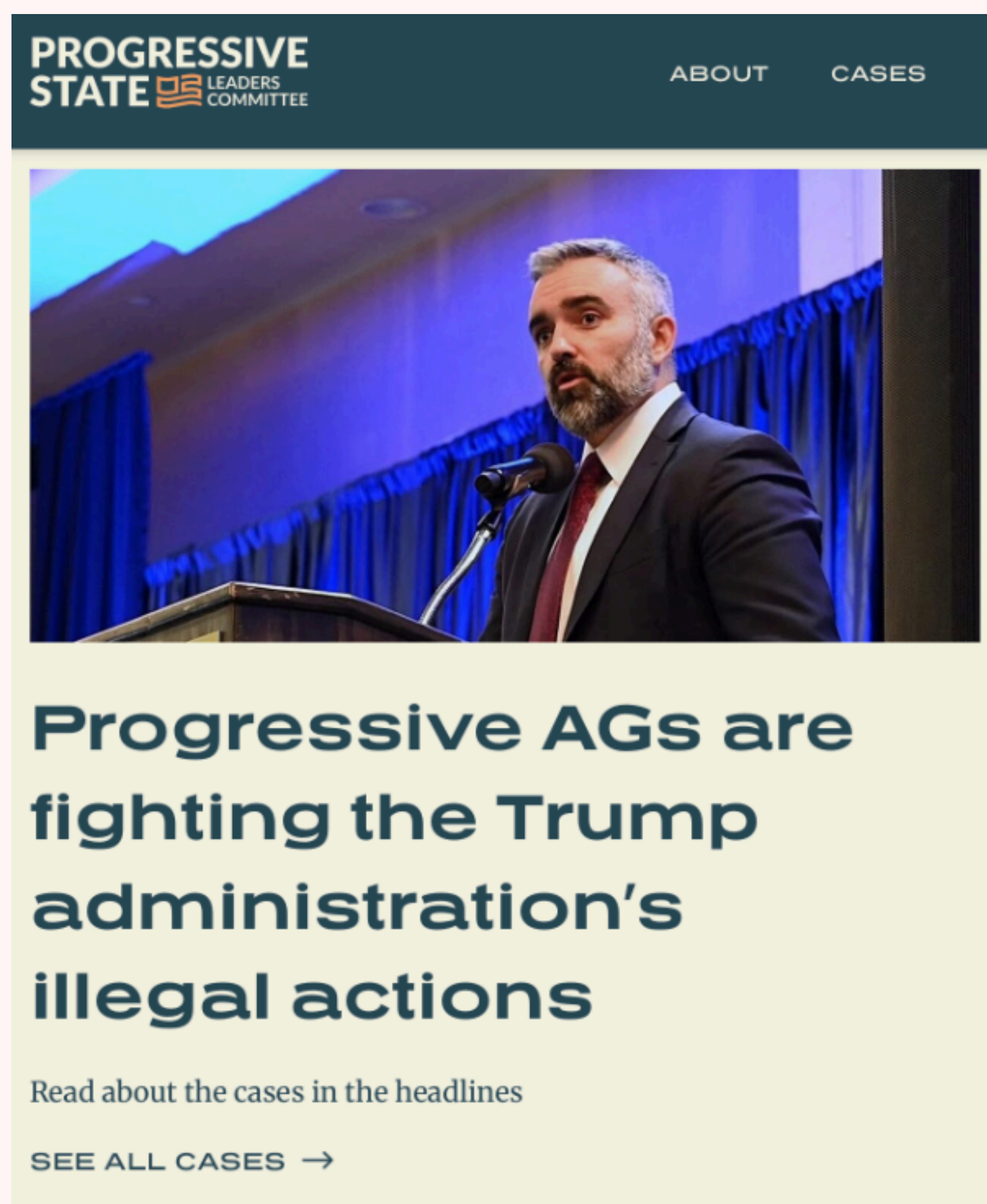
NEARLY \$240,000

The Progressive State Leaders Committee (PSLC) is an organization that “advocates for progressive policies that promote justice, fairness, and equity ... with a focus on how state attorneys general and other decision-makers can promote innovative and progressive policies grounded in the rule of law.” In 2025, the year President Trump began his second term, the PSLC received a nearly \$240,000 grant from the political-minded Action Now, Inc., a 501(c)(4) founded by Laura and John Arnold and a part of Arnold Ventures.

(40) PROGRESSIVE STATE LEADERS COMMITTEE INC 1350 I STREET NORTHWEST SUITE 300 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	05-0623909	501(C)(4)	237,854	0		TO SUPPORT THE CONVENING OF STATE LEADERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO CONSIDER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES, TO SHARE INFORMATION, TO LAUNCH NEW INITIATIVES RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS, TO ANALYZE THE ROLE STATE ATTORNEY GENERALS PLAY IN ADDRESSING MAJOR ISSUES IN PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS AND FEASIBILITY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS AND POLICY SOLUTION.
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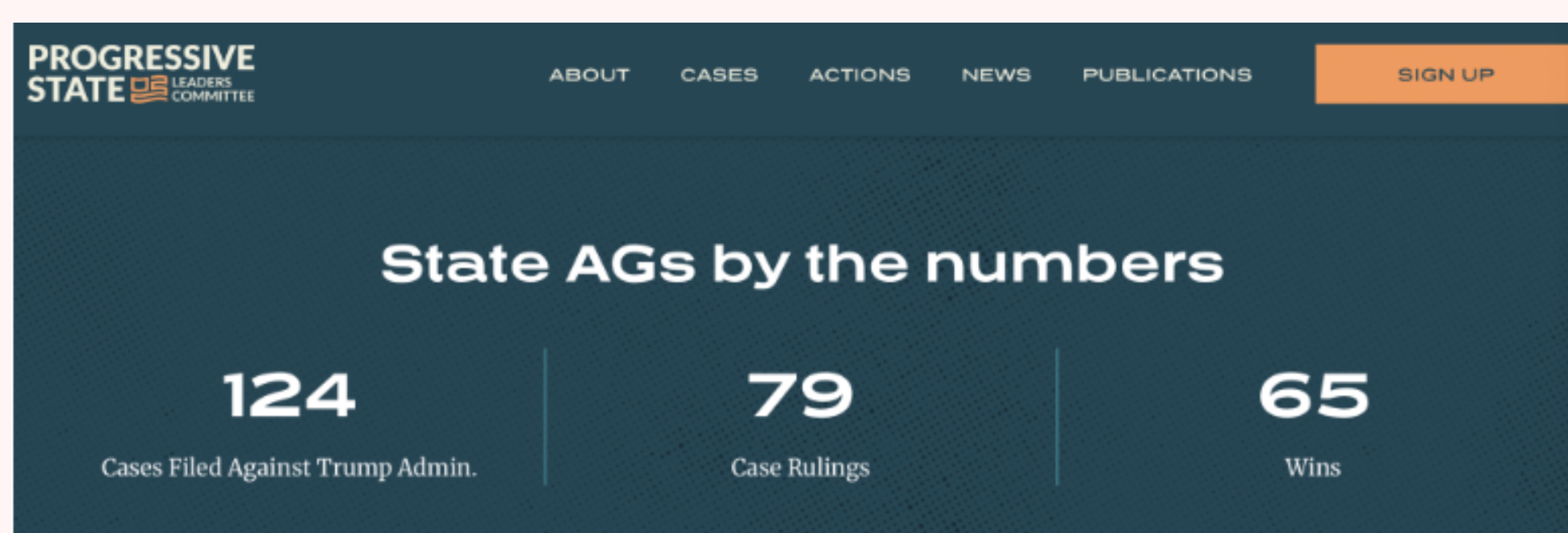
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Disregarding even a pretense of impartiality, the PSLC homepage proudly proclaims that “**Progressive AGs are fighting the Trump administration’s illegal actions**” under a photograph of New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez, who is currently suing the U.S. Department of Justice while arguing that the Trump administration is obstructing New Mexico’s investigation into Jeffrey Epstein.



(PROGRESSIVE STATE LEADERS COMMITTEE, ACCESSED 8/11/26)

One of the group’s key offerings is its State Attorney General Federal Litigation Tracker where the PSLC “tracks ongoing lawsuits and legal actions led or joined by state AGs against the Trump administration.” According to the PSLC, in President Trump’s second term, Democratic state attorneys general have so far filed 124 lawsuits against the Trump administration.



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3. EDF ACTION

RECEIVED \$250,000

As the advocacy partner of the Environmental Defense Fund, EDF Action’s “plan of action is to tackle the climate crisis head on by building community power on a national scale, deploying climate campaigns and solutions that are meaningful and resonant, and then electing the climate champions that will continue this essential work.” In other words, EDF Action exists to elect progressive Democrats who will toe the line on climate change. In 2025, EDF Action received \$250,000 from Action Now, Inc. to support its advocacy work.

(12) ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE ACTION FUND 257 PARK AVE S NEW YORK, NY 10010	90-0080500	501(C)(4)	250,000	0			TO SUPPORT GRANTEE'S ADVOCACY WORK REGARDING PERMITTING REFORM.
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During this election cycle, EDF Action launched a six-figure television and digital ad campaign against three Republicans - Representatives Scott Perry (R, PA-10), Derrick Van Orden (R, WI-03) and Monica De La Cruz (R, TX-15) - for voting in favor of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, what EDF Action described as “a sweeping new law that delivers for fossil fuel interests at the expense of their constituents’ health and economic security.” According to a statement from the president of EDF Action about what he called “Trump’s tax bill,” “[t]he consequences of the law, including higher energy prices and fewer good-paying jobs, will reverberate throughout their communities. We’re going to make sure everyone knows who’s to blame when the bill comes due.”

Earlier this year, EDF Action honored U.S. Representative Susie Lee (D, NV-03) with the Affordable and Clean Energy Champion Award. As a sitting member of Congress, Lee has argued that “Trump’s corruption in Washington ... is making life more expensive” for her constituents and has slammed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. More notably, in response to news that President Trump was considering attending a United States Supreme Court hearing on birthright citizenship, Lee posted an expletive-filled rant: “So f***ing f***ed up. I’ll pray they f*** him to his face. Sorry, I say f*** a lot these days.”

EDF Action’s president David Kieve even co-authored an op-ed entitled “Republicans Add to the Pain of Soaring Energy Costs,” urging readers to vote against Republicans because of their support of the One Big Beautiful Bill. As Kieve wrote, “the Republican tax bill gutted incentives for renewables, making it harder to add cheaper, reliable energy to the mix. These incentives were helping to lower costs, add jobs, and clean our air. ... Actions have consequences. In our country, we get to decide who will represent us in Congress. As we enter this year’s election season, it’s time to assess our representation and decide who is truly listening to us and working toward shared values.”

4. TAKE ACTION MINNESOTA

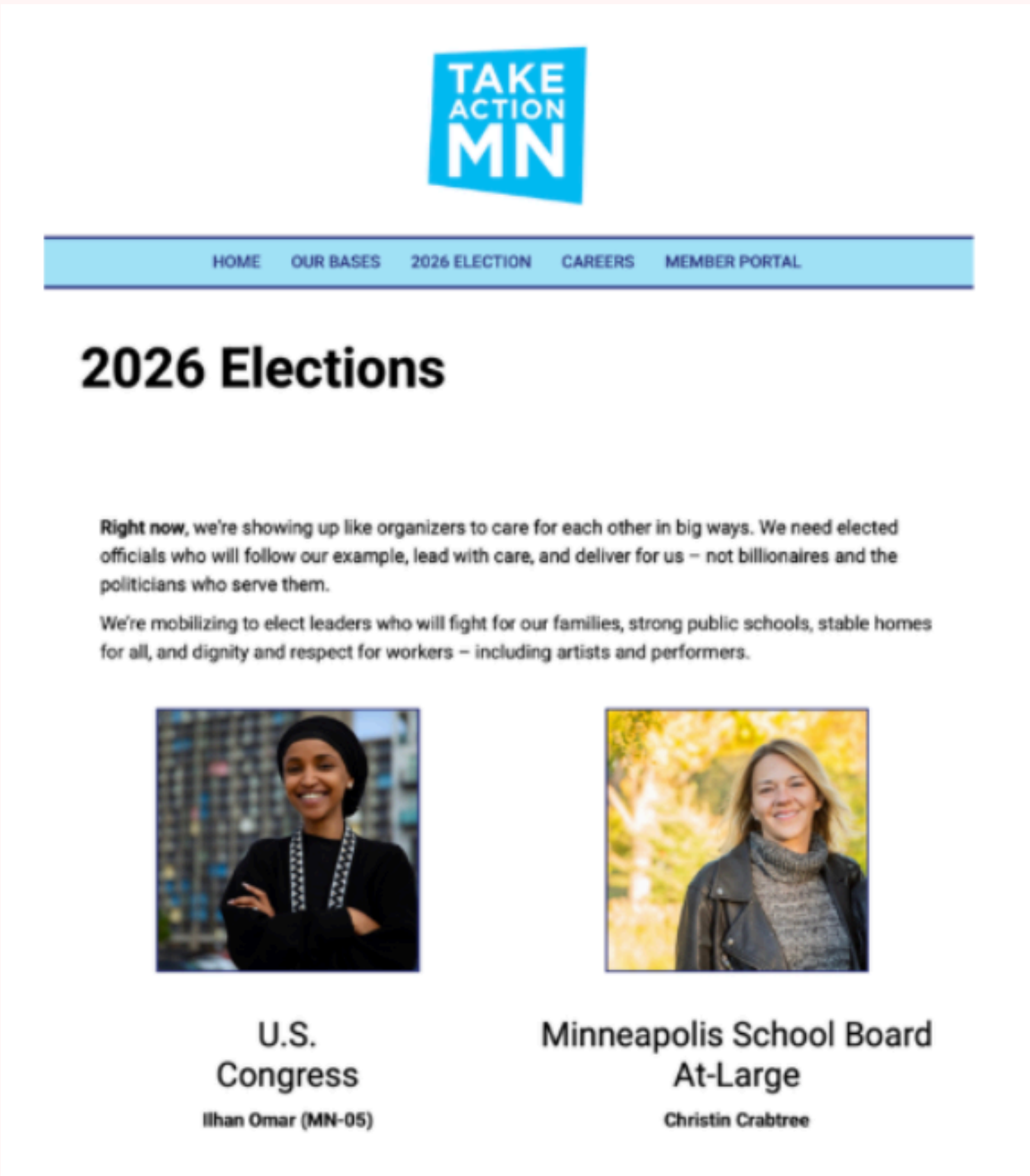
\$100,000 GRANT

Take Action Minnesota has been called a “a powerful advocate for liberal causes.” Created from the merger of two progressive groups, the organization supported Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for president in 2020, citing his “Medicare for All” and “Green New Deal” policy platforms as key drivers of its support. The Arnold-funded Action Now, Inc. provided Take Action Minnesota with a \$100,000 grant in 2025.

(49) TAKE ACTION MINNESOTA 705 RAYMOND AVE STE 100 SAINT PAUL, MN 55114	20-3338691	501(C)(4)	100,000	0		FAMILIES. TO IMPLEMENT MINNESOTA'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD AND ONGOING ADVOCACY AROUND AFFORDABLE DRUG PRICES.
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Take Action Minnesota is heavily involved in upcoming federal, state, and local elections in the state, endorsing a long list of liberal candidates, including Representative Ilhan Omar (D, MN-05) and the more progressive Peggy Flanagan for U.S. Senate, supporting her candidacy over the more moderate Representative Angie Craig (D, MN-02).



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5. THIRD WAY

OVER \$250,000

According to its own [website](#), Third Way is “a national think tank and advocacy organization that champions moderate policy and political ideas.” However, it is clear from its own advocacy efforts that it is far from moderate and exclusively supports Democratic candidates. In 2025, Third Way received over \$250,000 from Action Now, Inc.

(52) THIRD WAY 1025 CONNECTICUT AVE NW STE 400 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	20-1734070	501(C)(4)	257,970	0			TO SUPPORT GRANTEE'S EFFORTS TO RESEARCH, DESIGN, AND DISSEMINATE MESSAGING TOOLS TO HELP POLICYMAKERS TALK ABOUT FISCAL ISSUES IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY.
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The supposedly moderate Third Way said earlier this year that it is leading an “expansive and expensive plan to shape the 2028 presidential campaign” in favor of Democratic candidates. According to an interview with Jon Cowan, President of Third Way, in [The New York Times](#), “Third Way is going to lead the effort in 2028 to help nominate someone who is more moderate and mainstream and defeat someone from the far left. We think that is the only way you beat whoever comes after Trump. And parties are ultimately defined and reoriented around their presidential nominees and their presidents.”

The interview came amid a South Carolina summit in March, called [Winning the Middle](#). The event description stated that it “is **focused on building a Democratic Party that can win the middle anytime, anywhere**. We’ve gathered hundreds of leaders, strategists, pollsters, elected officials, and influential voices from key early primary and battleground states that will determine the 2028 fight for two days of conversation about the path back to power.”

“The event featured presentations, insights, and discussions on who Democratic primary voters are, their values and priorities, and how we win back the middle class, the middle of the country and the middle of the electorate to retake the White House in 2028. This event is bringing together an **energized and growing coalition of Democrats focused on flipping red and purple places blue**.”

CONCLUSION

The playbook from billionaires Laura and John Arnold is unmistakable: they have publicly proclaimed to work towards evidence-based, bipartisan solutions while behind the scenes they have showered money on far-left groups that are working to elect Democrats and obstruct President Trump's policy agenda. This obfuscation has so far shielded them from their sheer hypocrisy. What is clear is that through their network of organizations and millions of dollars in giving, the Arnolds have funded a sprawling coalition of interests that are working to counter President Trump at every level.